REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 are currently pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-27 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-29 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/750,129; Claims 1-23 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/744,800; claims 1-23 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/747,297; and claims 1-32 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/750,135. A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the nonstatutory double patenting rejections. The withdrawal of the nonstatutory double patenting rejections is respectfully

Conclusion

requested.

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 1-27, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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